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HOUSE BILL 920

Short Title: Farmland Preservation/DOT Projects. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Queen, Ramsey, McGrady, and Tolson (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.

Referred to: Agriculture, if favorable, Transportation.

April 15, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES TO CREATE A
4 PLAN TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT ACTIVE FARMLAND AND ALLUVIAL SOIL
5 DEPOSITS DISTURBED BY ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Transportation and the Department of Agriculture
8 and Consumer Services shall jointly devise a plan to minimize destruction and damage to
9 farmland due to Department of Transportation projects through or adjacent to agricultural
10 areas. The program shall:

- 11 (1) Provide for mitigation of farmland destroyed or impacted by Department of
12 Transportation projects; and
13 (2) Place the highest priority on preservation of farmland containing alluvial
14 soils that is located adjacent to the right-of-way of the Department of
15 Transportation project.

16 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation and the Department of Agriculture
17 and Consumer Services shall report to the House Agriculture Committee, the House
18 Transportation Committee, the Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee,
19 and the Senate Transportation Committee on the program required by Section 1 of this act
20 within one month of the convening of the 2014 Session of the 2013 General Assembly.

21 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

